

Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-5 (Canceled).

6. (Currently Amended) A double fluke security sealing ring for watt-hour meters, comprising:

a ring-shaped annular band for mounting to a base of a watt-hour meter, one end of the annular band including a double fluke comprising two slotted flanges positioned at 90° with respect to each other and aligned substantially parallel to a longitudinal axis of the annular band, the other end of the annular band including two parallel and equidistant slots capable of receiving the double fluke to lock the annular band in place.

7. (Previously Presented) The double fluke security sealing ring according to claim 6, wherein the double fluke formed by the two slotted flanges is integrally formed with the annular band.

8. (Previously Presented) The double fluke security sealing ring according to claim 6, wherein the two equidistant slots are integrally formed with the annular band.

9. (Currently Amended) A double fluke security sealing ring for watt-hour meters, comprising:

a ring-shaped annular band for mounting to a base of a watt-hour meter and having a first end and a second end;

a locking mechanism including a double fluke comprising two slotted flanges positioned at 90° with respect to each other and aligned substantially parallel to a longitudinal axis of the annular band at the first end of the annular band and two parallel and equidistant

slots at the second end of the annular band capable of receiving the double fluke to lock the annular band in place.

10. (Previously Presented) The double fluke security sealing ring according to claim 9, wherein the locking mechanism is integrally formed with the annular band.

11. (Previously Presented) The double fluke security sealing ring according to claim 9, wherein the locking mechanism forms a 15° angle at each slotted flange.